

June 16, 2016

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 9

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

CHAIR MILLS PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:

a. COMM. 11D-5 (2016)

COUNTY ATTORNEY: "Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County"

(6-0)

b. COMM. 11M-2 (2016)

MWBE UTILIZATION ADVISORY BOARD: "Jan. 25, 2016 Meeting Minutes"

(6-0)

2. COMM. 11E-18 (2016)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Vet Center, provides mental health assistance to warzone veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, as part of their mission, they hold a monthly wellness group event to help veterans connect and interact in an effort to reduce avoidance and isolation commonly associated with PTSD; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs budgetary guidelines prohibit the Buffalo Vet Center from using budgeted funds to pay for the costs of these events; and

WHEREAS, for the past two years the Vet Center staff has been paying for shelter fees of local parks with their personal funds and are no longer able to continue this practice; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Vet Center is requesting a fee waiver for four shelter rentals in 2016; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Erie does hereby authorize the Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry to waive the shelter rental fee for four shelter rentals of Ellicott Creek Park Shelter 15 in 2016 for the Buffalo Vet Center; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the County Executive; the Director of the Veterans' Service Agency; the Director of Budget and Management; and the Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry.
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KEVIN R. HARDWICK
CHAIR